



NEWS FROM CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST (CHAFT)

TREASURER

Christine Trotman has taken over from Peter Boreham as Treasurer. Thanks Peter for all you have done over many years.

HALL MAINTENANCE

An emergency light has been replaced and a new contract for servicing the fire alarm is about to be signed.

PLAYING FIELD

Replacement general information signs covering ownership, how to report hazards and the location of emergency services etc. are to be designed and placed at the main entrances to the field.



'No dogs allowed' pictorial notices have been placed on the fence to the children's play area.

Notices reminding dog owners of their responsibilities if their dog fouls the field will be ordered shortly.

REPLACEMENT OF CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT

A special meeting of the Trustees is to be held early in March to consider proposals and estimates for replacement equipment.

GOALPOSTS

New nets to be purchased



SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

March 13th Quiz in the Village Hall

April 9th Children's 'themed' treasure hunt on the playing field with an art competition and afternoon teas in the village hall.

CHAIRMAN

Jane Fry has announced her intention to stand down as Chair of the Trustees at the next AGM. Interested? More information shortly.

DATE OF CHAFT AGM - 9th June 2016

The minutes of the recent Trustee's meeting will be posted on the village website in the near future.

FLYING GOLF BALLS!

Residents in New Road whose houses back on to Charney Field have again mentioned to the Parish Council that they are finding golf balls in their gardens.

If somebody is using Charney Field to drive golf balls, would they please do it elsewhere more appropriate? Using Charney Field for this purpose is hazardous. There are young children and residents who are out of sight in the gardens and who are at risk of being hurt. Windows and greenhouses are also at risk of being broken.

Sue Dobson
Parish Councillor

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

SETTING THE VILLAGE PRECEPT

A precept of £4100 is to be requested from VWHDC for the year 2016/17 – the same as the current year.

COMMUNITY-LED PLAN

The final draft plan has now been sent to the County and District Councils for approval. Once approval has been given a summary will be delivered to every household. The full plan will be posted on the website in due course.

NEW TRANSPARENCY CODE

The Parish Council is now required to publish agendas and minutes of meetings, year-end accounts, audit reports, formal papers and details of public land and building responsibilities. These will be posted on the village website in due course.

FLOOD PREVENTION

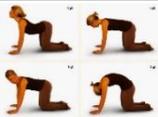
A working party is to be set up to clear watercourses and remove some trees on the bridle path.

ROAD SAFETY

The Speedwatch initiative has now gone live.

Action is to be taken to review all road safety and traffic issues in the village as a project under the Community-led Plan.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2016 can be viewed [here](#).



CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE CLASSES AT FULL CAPACITY!



All the current keep fit classes of pilates and yoga run by the college are now full with a waiting list for most. The men only pilates class is taking place on Thursdays with a full complement of attendees.

If you would be interested in joining any of the classes email me and I will add you to the waiting list. If there is sufficient interest it may be possible to put on additional classes.

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS AND OTHER CLASSES

If anybody has any ideas for future workshops, or indeed courses of any kind, do please let me know and I will do my best to find tutors. Alternatively if you know of any tutors who may be interested in running a workshop or course then I would be very interested to hear from you.

Christine Trotman cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com

Telephone: 869171

PAM BARRETT MAKES A COMEBACK....BLAST FROM THE PAST

Saturday 30th January

at

The Stanford Social Club

A Great British Piano evening featuring the popular Pam Barrett

Guests and new members welcome

CHARNEY BASSETT PANCAKE PARTY



Raffle



Saturday 6th February 2016

10.00 a.m.- 12 noon

at

1 Barnfield, Charney Bassett

Donations to St. Peters Church, Charney Bassett

PICK UP OR FACE A £50 FINE

The Parish Council and the Charney Hall & Field Trust (CHAFT) again emphasise their concern that one or two dog owners are failing to clear up dog poo from public areas.

Additional notices are to be placed on the playing field asking dog owners to clean up if their dog fouls a public area.

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access. It is therefore a crime to allow a dog to foul in any public area without clearing it up. Those that fail to do so could face a **fixed penalty notice of £50 or prosecution.**

As an additional protection dogs are banned from the children's play area on the playing field. New notices to this effect have been placed on the fence surrounding the play area.

If you see a dog owner allowing their dog to foul a public area and not pick it up, report it to the VWHDC!

Some important information from Mary Castle, Parish Councillor:

TOXOCARA CANIS – also known as Dog Roundworm

Toxocariasis is caused by roundworm parasites, spread from animals, (most commonly cats, dogs and foxes), to humans through contact with infected faeces.

The effects of Toxocariasis range from mild to severe. Mild symptoms include:

- Cough
- High temperature (38°C or above)
- Headaches
- Stomach ache

In rare cases organs such as the liver, lungs, eyes or brain can be infected and cause severe symptoms such as

- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite or weight loss
- Skin rashes
- Wheezing or breathing difficulties
- Seizures
- Blurred or cloudy vision, usually affecting only one eye
- A red and painful eye

There is a risk of permanent vision loss and prompt treatment should be sought for any of the above symptoms.

Fresh animal faeces are not dangerous. The eggs pass into the soil and become infectious from 10-21 days. They can however survive in the soil for many months.

It is therefore imperative that people clean up after their dogs.



WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

- [Parish Council draft minutes of meeting held on 13th January](#)
- [Neighbourhood Policing Team Report](#)

THAMES VALLEY POLICE FORCE PHISHING/SCAMMING CAMPAIGN

The police are supporting a campaign being launched this week to encourage people to be aware of scams based around social engineering.

Independent expert advice service Get Safe Online is running the campaign following a 21% rise nationally last year in reported incidents of social engineering - otherwise known as phishing - scams.

Social engineering is a targeted scam where fraudsters manipulate their victims into sharing confidential information. This may happen via email, telephone calls, text messages or via post.

Get Safe Online has developed TV advertising, national and local advertising, as part of its campaign. Leaflets, posters and information is being shared across the Thames Valley region, along with messages via social media.

To find out more social engineering and get advice on protecting yourself from fraudsters, see the [Get Safe Online website](#).

If you are a victim of fraud, you can report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre, by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting the [Action Fraud website](#).

If you have been a victim of banking fraud or spot irregular activity on your account, contact your bank immediately as there will be more chance that your losses may be recovered

CHRISTMAS SERVICES WELL SUPPORTED!

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for carols and worship this Christmas. Our lovely Church was almost full to capacity for both services.

On Christmas Eve Richard Waterhouse led us with traditional carols and readings. We opened with a beautiful rendition of Once in Royal David's City sung by a trio of local girls followed by readings and a fine violin solo before ending with the ever popular O Come All Ye Faithful.

Christmas Day Revd Tony Lynn was Celebrant for our parish communion service. The church was "full of happy faces" to quote his ever appropriate observation. He also thanked everyone for their generous donation of toys, toiletries, scarves and socks - all gratefully received by Refugee Resources in Oxford.

This year, with enthusiastic leadership of our new Rector Revd Talisker Tracey Macleod, we look forward to you joining us at St. Peter's.

Doug Hughes
Church Warden

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey Click [here](#) for full report

One theme of the January report is the new Go Active Gold.

GO Active GOLD is offering support for people in rural areas, age 60 and over to live more active lifestyles, catering for all abilities.

Editor's note from Rosemary: I attended a taster session at Steventon recently – well worth trying.

Ring the Vale for more information 540367 or www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gold





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1 pp, including as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

PANCAKE MORNING – Saturday 6th February, 10-12 noon, 1 Barnfield.

QUIZ IN THE VILLAGE HALL – March 13th.

CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT – April 9th

CHARNEY 100 CLUB JANUARY DRAW

The results of the draw on the 19th January are as follows:-

1st Prize (£25) No 133 Ingrid Rolington
2nd Prize ((£10) No 98 Jackie Fletcher



We will be calling to collect £12 in February from anyone who wishes to be a member after March this year

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers

VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Please come and enjoy our Benefice villages' community lunch which is served in Buckland Memorial Hall from 12.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding December).

A 2 course lunch cooked by Claire Connolly with tea or coffee at £5 per person. Next date:

Wednesday 17 Feb

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help occasionally, please call Deborah Lewis on 868 536 or email cjanlewis@btinternet.com

CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in the villages of Charney Bassett and Lyford.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details please contact the Clerk: Mrs Frances Rothwell, Oldwalls, Buckland Road, Charney Bassett, Tel: 868704, E-mail: rothwell555@btinternet.com.

Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at the meeting.

CHEERIO AND BEST WISHES

On behalf of the readers and the communications team, we would like to thank Roger Watson as he leaves Charney for pastures new. Roger was the editor of the hard copy Charney Chatter until 2 years ago and has played an important role in the development of the current electronic version and associated email management system.



In Aid of Longworth Bell Restoration Appeal



7 February 2016

2.00-4.30 pm

at **TUCKSMEAD, TUCKS LANE, LONGWORTH**

Entry £2.00 ~ Children U12 FREE ~ Dogs on leads please

SCRUMPTIOUS Teas & Homemade cakes

Home of Longworth Primary School's 'FOREST SCHOOL'

Stout footwear recommended

Info: 01865-821671 or longworthfestivalofbells@hotmail.com

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